(a) whether regenerative breaking system on electrified tracks is energy efficient

(b) if so the extent of energy saved during last one year on account of this device, and

(c) the reasons for using steam and diesel locomotives on electrified routes in view of the above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Yes Sir

(b) The quantum of energy saved is not available, since it is not metered Only a few Electric Locomotives have been provided with regenerative braking system

(c) Normally diesel and steam locomotives are not deployed in sections where electric locomotives with regenerative braking system are running However on some of these sections diesel and steam locomotives are deployed to very limited extent due to –

(i) Use of steam locomotives on inferior services

(ii) Permitting long haul diesel trains on intervening short electrified territory

(iii) Return of diesels to home sheds

(iv) Inadequate availability of electric locomotive

Mother Tongue as First Language

5416 SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the names of State/Union Territories in which the mother tongue has been introduced as the first language under the three language formula at secondary level for all students

(b) the names of the State/Union Territories in which not the mother tongue by the majority language or any other language has been introduced as compulsory first language for all students under the formula and

(c) in case of (b) the place of the minority languages of the States/Union Territories in the Formula and the highest level of compulsory instruction of and through the medium of the mother tongues of the linguistic minorities therein?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) to (c) Most of the States and Union Territories have more than one formulation for teaching of languages under the three language formula at the Secondary stage in order to meet local needs including the needs of linguistic minorities The mother tongue of the majority of population is generally the regional language of the State or Union Territory and is effered by many students as the first language

Pollution of Godavari

5417 SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE Will the Minister of ENVORONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government received any representation from public representatives in regard to pollution of Godavari by paper mills and

(b) if so the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY